

# Speak Up - Speak Out - Be Heard

## Wanganui District Council

### Youth Committee

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youth.com.

- ***Application Info – read it!***

**The Youth Committee will be looking for new recruits at the start of 2012! If you're thinking it could be you then read on for more information and send in your application! Available seats will be limited so if you're not successful this time we can hold on to your application for future opportunities.....**

#### **What's the deal?**

The Youth Committee is made up of 18 young people selected to 'speak up and be heard' on all issues, on behalf of youth in the Wanganui district. This role is recognised by the Wanganui District Council's (WDC) official committee structure, which ensures the voice of the Youth Committee is heard and is able to influence Council's decision making.

Taking part in the Youth Committee is a rewarding experience but it's also a big commitment. You must be available to attend formal meetings every 6 weeks (Monday's 4 – 6.30pm); and also take part in regular meetings and working parties held at the Council or out and about... this can include anything from speaking up at a workshop, representing youth at forums, to turning sausages at a youth event. The length of the term of membership will generally be from one year up to a maximum of three years. Extensions can be granted by discretion of the Chair and or Mayor.

#### **Why do it?**

You will ensure more informed decisions are made for young people and....

- Be involved in organising or taking part in major events in and around the district
- Have your opinions heard and help make a difference
- Great experience and addition to your CV
- Meet a variety of new people and make contact with other ambitious youth locally and nationally.
- Be paid \$50 for each formal meeting as well as gaining a variety of new skills
- Contribute to services and exciting projects and initiatives at Council and in the community.

#### **Empowering Wanganui young people to be the best they can be**

The Youth Committee takes an empowering and enabling approach to youth development, setting the scene for young people to take the lead and be the best they can be. Since it was established in 2006 a number of 'youth for youth' initiatives have been implemented and supported... some examples are:

- Bus to the Big Day Out
- Make It. Take It. Projects and events



- Underground Fashion Show
- Skate Park Mural Project at Kowhai Park
- Ake Ake Youth Centre development
- Emvee Night Safety Project
- \$300ships funding scheme

There's been high participation in consultation and forums such as:

- Youth in Local Government Conferences
- Regional Youth Committee/Council Forums
- National Forum on Cultural Diversity
- Submissions to Council on policy/annual plans
- Workshops for training, advising Council/community activities and more...

**Find out what it's like and how some current Youth Councillors are by going to [www.wanganui.govt.nz](http://www.wanganui.govt.nz) or [www.youthwanganui.org.nz](http://www.youthwanganui.org.nz) and check out the profiles.**

**So if you can.....**

- **Every 6 weeks:** Attend the formal meeting held Mondays from 4pm to approximately 6.30pm 👍
- **2 hours per week:** Participate regularly in work-parties or forums to assist with the coordination of events, development of projects or contribution to policy etc... 👍
- **Per school term:** Commit to a minimum of one working party/project team 👍
- **Per month:** Attend a minimum of one Civic or community function 👍
- **Always:** Speak up, speak out and be heard –within Council and in the community 👍
  - *Participation is monitored; if you're unable to meet the commitments required your position will be reviewed*

**...then fill out the application form below and get it into us by 24 February 2012**

**Selection process:**

- Advertising period: until 24 February 2012
- Interviews: March 2012
- Notification: by 16 March 2012
- Next formal meeting: 26 March 2012 (TBC)

**For more info contact:**

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**MOVING FORWARD!**

How can you help to make Wanganui a better place for young people?

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**WORD UP!**

Circle up to 6 words from this list that you think best describe you!  
Feel free to add your own words too

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|-----------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Goal-orientated | Happy     | Unusual     | Sensitive   | Cautious     | Independent   | Confident    |
| Competent       | Calm      | Driven      | Caring      | Cynical      | Adaptable     | Decisive     |
| Motivated       | Creative  | Open-minded | Flexible    | Considerate  | Versatile     | Enthusiastic |
| Outgoing        | Impulsive | Resourceful | Perceptive  | Consistent   | Authoritative | Courageous   |
| Innovative      | Practical | Positive    | Responsible | Assertive    | Persistent    | Strong       |
| Optimistic      | Unique    | Patient     | Adventurous | Professional | Thorough      | Sceptical    |
| Lively          | Discreet  | Objective   | Punctual    | Energetic    | Fun           | Cooperative  |

**Your own words:**

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**YOUR REFEREES!**

Please provide two referees who can tell us more about YOU! They can be anyone who knows you really well – from your school, work place, family/whanau or community.

**Referee 1 Name**

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Address

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Phone Number

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How do they know you?

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**Referee 2 Name**

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Address

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Phone Number

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How do they know you?

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**SEND IT!**

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